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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

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Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

This notice announces a forthcoming meeting of a public advisory committee of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The meeting will be open to the public.

Name of Committee: Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies Advisory Committee.

General Function of the Committee: To provide advice and recommendations to the Agency on FDA's regulatory issues.

Date and Time: The meeting will be held on March 14, 2013, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

<u>Location</u>: 5630 Fishers Lane, FDA Conference Room 1066, Rockville, MD 20857. For those unable to attend in person, the meeting will also be Webcast. The Webcast will be available at the following link

http://fda.yorkcast.com/webcast/Viewer/?peid=63bc1bd2838040b48eb7db7cbedfc4191d.

Contact Person: Bryan Emery or Rosanna Harvey, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (HFM-71), Food and Drug Administration, 1401 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-827-1277 or 301-827-1297, or FDA Advisory Committee Information Line, 1-800-741-8138 (301-443-0572 in the Washington, DC area). A notice in the Federal Register about last minute modifications that impact a previously announced advisory committee meeting cannot always be published quickly enough to provide timely notice. Therefore, you should

always check the Agency's Web site at <a href="http://www.fda.gov/AdvisoryCommittees/default.htm">http://www.fda.gov/AdvisoryCommittees/default.htm</a> and scroll down to the appropriate advisory committee meeting link, or call the advisory committee information line to learn about possible modifications before coming to the meeting.

Agenda: On March 14, 2013, the Committee will meet in open session to discuss FDA's draft risk assessment model for potential exposure to the variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (vCJD) agent in Red Blood Cells for transfusion in the United States.

FDA intends to make background material available to the public no later than 2 business days before the meeting. If FDA is unable to post the background material on its Web site prior to the meeting, the background material will be made publicly available at the location of the advisory committee meeting, and the background material will be posted on FDA's Web site after the meeting. Background material is available at <a href="http://www.fda.gov/AdvisoryCommittees/Calendar/default.htm">http://www.fda.gov/AdvisoryCommittees/Calendar/default.htm</a>. Scroll down to the appropriate advisory committee meeting link.

Procedure: Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the committee. Written submissions may be made to the contact person on or before March 7, 2013. On March 14, 2013, oral presentations from the public will be scheduled between approximately 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Those individuals interested in making formal oral presentations should notify the contact person and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments they wish to present, the names and addresses of proposed participants, and an indication of the approximate time requested to make their presentation on or before February 27, 2013. Time allotted for each presentation may be limited. If the number of registrants requesting to speak is greater than can be reasonably accommodated during the scheduled open public hearing session, FDA may conduct a lottery to determine the

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speakers for the scheduled open public hearing session. The contact person will notify interested

persons regarding their request to speak by February 28, 2013.

Persons attending FDA's advisory committee meetings are advised that the Agency is not

responsible for providing access to electrical outlets. Seating for this meeting may be limited, so

the public is encouraged to watch the free Webcast if you are unable to attend. The link for the

Webcast will be available beginning at 8 a.m. on March 14, 2013 (see Location).

FDA welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will

make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you

require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Bryan Emery at least 7 days in

advance of the meeting.

FDA is committed to the orderly conduct of its advisory committee meetings. Please

visit our Web site at

http://www.fda.gov/AdvisoryCommittees/AboutAdvisoryCommittees/ucm111462.htm for

procedures on public conduct during advisory committee meetings.

Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app.

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Dated: February 12, 2013.

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**Assistant Commissioner for Policy** 

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